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CHICAGO MAN RECEIVES 12-YEAR SENTENCE FOR DEALING CRACK COCAINE

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jerry Lee Ward, aka Red, age 26, was sentenced on March 13, 2006, by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 144 months (12 years) in prison for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. Ward's co-defendant, James Stevens, was sentenced by Judge Crabb on February 15, 2007, to 200 months in prison for his role in the conspiracy. Pursuant to federal law, these sentences will be served without the possibility of parole.

United States Attorney Peterson stated that the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, together with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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